

MEMORIAL AND JOINT RESOLUTION

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IOWA,

IN FAVOR OF

A donation of land to aid in the construction of a railroad from McGregor's Landing to the Mississippi river.

JANUARY 2, 1857.—Referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

MEMORIAL TO CONGRESS FOR A GRANT OF LANDS IN AID OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MCGREGOR, ST. PETERS, AND MISSOURI RIVER RAILROAD.

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

Your memorialists, the general assembly of the State of Iowa, respectfully represent to your honorable body that energetic efforts are being made by the above named company for the construction of a road, commencing at McGregor, in said State, at a point opposite the terminus of the Milwaukie and Mississippi railroad, (which is now completed across the State of Wisconsin,) and running thence west to the Missouri river; that the route is eminently adapted to the advantageous construction of a work of this character; that it is one of the great natural lines of projected railroads commencing between the east and west; that under the donation of lands made by Congress to said State, the northern portion received no benefit therefrom; and your memorialists, believing that the construction of said road would greatly facilitate the settlement and add largely to the wealth of the northern portion of said State, ask that a donation of land lying within the State may be made to aid in its construction.

Resolved, That our senators in Congress be instructed, and our representatives be requested, to use their influence to procure from the general government a donation of every alternate section, equal to three miles in width, on each side of said road, to be given to said company on such terms as in the opinion of the legislature of this State may be just and reasonable.

Resolved, That the secretary of State transmit a copy of this memorial and joint resolution to each of our members of Congress.

SAMUEL MCFARLAND,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

W. W. HAMILTON,

President of the Senate.

Approved 22d December, 1856:

JAMES W. GRIMES.

DONATION OF LAND FOR A RAILROAD.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Iowa City, Iowa, December 22, 1856.

I certify the foregoing to be a true copy from the original roll on file in my office.

ELIJAH SELLS,
Secretary of State.
By JOHN M. DAVIS, *Deputy.*